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SUBJECT: MOROCCO WILL STAND WITH ARAB LEAGUE AND OIC ON
UNGA RESOLUTIONS WITH ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS

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Classified By: POLCOUNS Craig Karp for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Poloff met with Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of United Nations Division Azzedine Farhane on November 21 and attempted to persuade him to influence Morocco's UN delegation in NY to vote against, abstain, or absent themselves when the anticipated biased resolutions against Israel come up for a vote in the UNGA.

12. (C) Farhane explained that Morocco wants to help with the Israeli-Palestine peace issue but they must do so discreetly and behind the scenes. Farhane said that Morocco will vote in concert with their partners in the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Countries as long as there is consensus in those groups. If there is no consensus, Morocco will consider the U.S. position; however, Morocco cannot take a public lead on this issue.

13. (C) Farhane agreed to pass this information on to his superiors and the Moroccan delegation in New York. He suggested that the US Mission in New York also reach out to the Moroccan UN delegation. We understand that Moroccan permanent representative to the UN Mustapha Sahel has been replaced by former Moroccan ambassador to the UN offices in Geneva Mohamed Loulichki.

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